

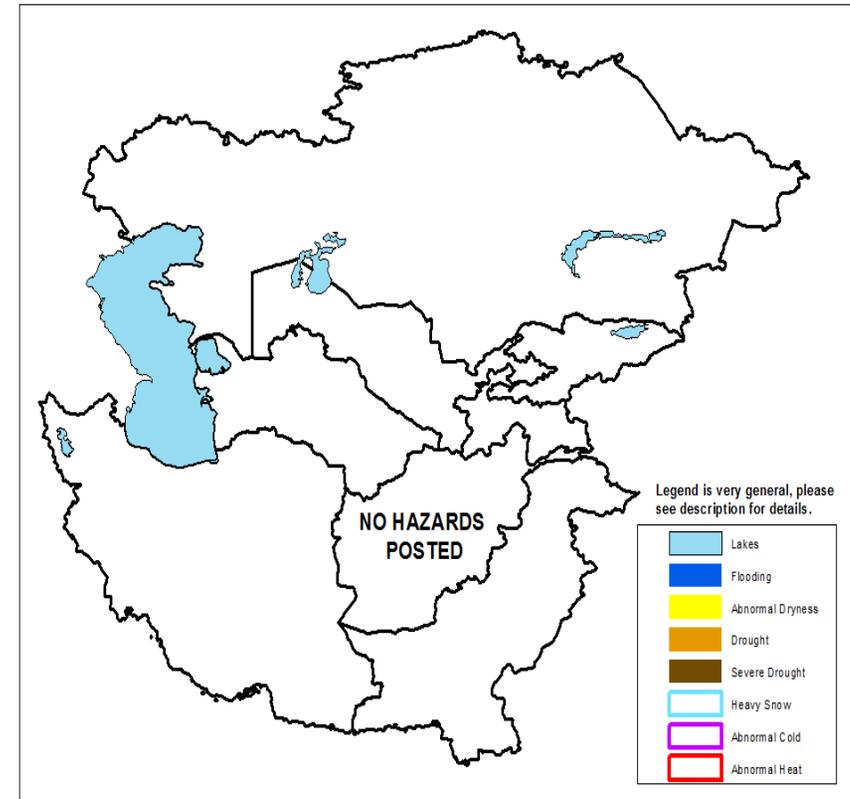
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 17 - 23, 2013

Temperatures:

During the second week of April, temperatures averaged 3 to 9 degrees C above normal across Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, while positive temperature anomalies were as large as 12 degrees C across Kazakhstan. During the next week, more seasonal temperatures can be expected. The hottest temperatures (above 32 degrees) are forecast across southwest Afghanistan. Subfreezing minimum temperatures will likely be limited to northern Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Central Asia.

Precipitation

Following a wet end to March, mostly dry weather prevailed during the past week. Precipitation during the past month has nearly eliminated precipitation deficits across Central Asia. Snow depths continue to decrease across most of the region. During the next week, rain and high-elevation snow (with locally heavy amounts exceeding 50 mm) are forecast across Tajikistan and eastern Afghanistan. Heavy rain coupled with snow melt would trigger localized flash flooding.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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